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**MEMORANDUM:**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: 2012-2013 Teacher Shortage Areas for Federal Loan Deferment

Attached for your information and reference is the most recent list of teacher shortage areas identified by the Michigan Department of Education, which has been submitted for approval to the United States Department of Education (USED) for 2012-2013 school year effective December 15, 2012, until a new list is distributed next fall.

These shortage areas are identified to qualify for a deferment of loan repayment under the:

- Targeted teacher deferment for borrowers under the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) and Federal Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS) programs (34 CFR 653.50(a));
- Full-time teaching in fields of expertise, cancellation of up to 100 percent of their debt under the Federal Perkins Loan Program (34 CFR 674.53);
- Reduction of the teaching obligation for scholars under the Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program (34 CFR 653.50(a)); and
- Teaching obligation for recipients under the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program (34 CFR 686).

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This list is not a critical shortage list for the purpose of retiree employment. Please share this information with staff who may qualify for loan deferments.

Federal FFEL/SLS borrowers who have questions concerning their loans, including teacher shortage area deferment, may contact the Federal Student Aid Hotline at 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). Douglas Scholars may contact the Office of Scholarships and Grants at the Michigan Department of Treasury at 1-888-447-2687.

For questions regarding the critical shortage list for loan deferment, please contact Krista Ried, Supervisor, Client Services Unit in the Office of Professional Preparation Services at 517-335-0588.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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**Federal Loan Deferment/Loan Forgiveness  
Critical Teacher Shortage Areas  
2012-2013**

- Director of Special Education
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Occupational – Automobile Technician (NATEF Certified)
- Occupational – Collision Repair Technician (NATEF Certified)
- Occupational – Construction Trades
- Occupational – Cosmetology
- Occupational – Education General (Teacher Cadet)
- Occupational – Graphics & Printing Technology & Communications
- Occupational – Public Safety/Protective Services
- Occupational – Therapeutic Services
- Occupational – Welding, Brazing & Soldering
- School Social Work
- Special Education Teachers – All Categories
- Supervisor of Special Education
- World Languages: All (including Bilingual, ESL, ASL & Native American Languages)